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**CHIANG ANNOUNCES SMALL BUSINESS FAIR
FOR SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES**

John Chiang, Chair of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that the BOE's Norwalk office and several federal, state, and local government agencies will team up to offer a free, one-day event offering assistance to small businesses in Southeast Los Angeles.

Chiang said, "Small businesses fuel California's economy. The 2005 Southeast Los Angeles Small Business Fair will provide business owners the tools they need to remain competitive. Our Keynote Speaker this year is Mr. Kevin Smith, Business Editor, San Gabriel Valley Newspaper Group. This is a tremendous opportunity for small business owners to attend free workshops, meet the experts and find the help they need to grow successful businesses."

On hand will be representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, U. S. Department of Labor, as well as other local, state, and federal agencies, to assist attendees.

Date: Friday, May 20, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Place: Radisson Hotel Whittier
7320 Greenleaf Ave.
Whittier, CA 90602

The small business fair will begin at 9:00 a.m. with opening remarks from Mr. Chiang. The fair will include general information sessions, and workshops tailored to the needs of small businesses.

Topics will include sales and use tax basics, state income tax and small business, construction contractors, recordkeeping (IRS), state and federal reporting and depositing requirements, and home-based business (IRS).

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (562) 466-1539; or visit the BOE website at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm>.

Chairman John Chiang, of Los Angeles, was elected to his first term as Fourth District Member on the State Board of Equalization in 1998, and re-elected in 2002. He was named Chair of the Board in December 2004. He also presided as Chair in 2002.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects more than \$44 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government

services. It also acts as the appellate body for business tax appeals, franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property tax.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; and State Controller Steve Westly.

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